

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please amend the application as follows prior to calculation of the filing fees.

IN THE CLAIMS

Substitute the following claims for the corresponding numbered claims in the application.

3. (Amended) A compound according to Claim 1 wherein X is selected from the group consisting of -NH- and -NZ-.
4. (Amended) A compound according to Claim 1 wherein R₄, R₈, and R₉ are each, independently, selected from the group consisting of halogen, alkyl, alkenyl, and heteroalkyl; and wherein R₃ is selected from the group consisting of hydrogen and lower alkyl.
5. (Amended) A compound according to Claim 1 wherein R₆ and R₆' are each, independently, selected from the group consisting of hydrogen, halogen, hydroxy, and lower alkyl; with the proviso that optionally R₆ and R₆' together are oxo.